

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF THE MONKS

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NAME: LOBSANG DHONDUP
I.C NUMBER: Y0073246
DATE OF BIRTH: 06-07-1969
PLACE OF BIRTH: AMDO TIBETA
NAME OF FATHER: TSEPAK
NAME OF MOTHER: YANGDON
PASSPORT VALIDITY: 18-11-2008 TO 17-11-2018
PLACE OF ISSUE: DELHI



Geshe Lharampa Lobsang Dhondup, born in Amdo province of Tibet. From young age, he has great wishes to become a monk. At the age of 11, he became monk and took his novice ordination vows (*Gestul* vows) from Khenpo Tsultrim at his native place where he started studies the elementary monastic texts. He took his *Gelong* Vows (Bhikhu ordination vows: full ordination) from Khenpo Serkey Alag at the age of 20 and continued his monastic studies at monastery in his native place. In 1989, he fled to India walking days and nights to pursue further monastic studies and to get blessing from H. H. the Dalai Lama, after getting blessing and audience with H.H. the Dalai Lama, he later joined Drepung Gomang Monastery in South India. He has completed all the monastic class (*Five Major Treatise on Buddhist Philosophy*, 16 year courses) and has also passed all the *Gelug Gyuktoe* (Gelug University Examination of six years course) with remarkable result and was conferred *Geshe Lharampa* title in 2007 (equivalent to Ph.D in Western University). He also joined one-year mandatory Tantric course at Gyumed Tantric College in 2008. As the member of US Tour group, he is very well versed in all the prayer chants and Buddhist rituals, and he will provide religious teachings, talks and will participate in any interfaith discussion and will participate in Cultural Pageant as Chöd Master. He is senior most member of the tour group and will lead the monastery's tour 2010.

NAME: KALSANG
I.C NUMBER: 041091
DATE OF BIRTH: 15-08-1967
PLACE OF BIRTH: TIBET
NAME OF FATHER: NINGYA
NAME OF MOTHER: LHAMO TSO
PASSPORT VALIDITY: 03-12-2001 TO 02-12-2011
PLACE OF ISSUE: DELHI



Geshe Kalsang born in Amdo province in Tibet. From age seven to fourteen, he studied at the school at his native place where he also studied Chinese. At the age of seventeen, under Khenpo Losel Gyatso, he took novice ordination vow (*Getsul* vows) and became monk at his native place, entered a monastic temple where he studied the elementary monastic texts. At the age of 20, he took his *Gelong* Vows (Bhikhu ordination vows: full ordination) from Khenpo Losel Gyatso and continued his monastic studies at monastery in his native place. He fled to India in 1990 to pursue monastic studies and to get blessing from H. H. the Dalai Lama, after getting blessing and audience with H.H. the Dalai Lama, he later joined Drepung Gomang Monastery in South India. He has completed all the monastic class in the monastic college (16 years) and has also attained two years of *Gelug Gyuktoe* (Gelug University Examination) and was conferred *Geshe Kyabchu* title in 2005. As the member of US Tour group 2010, he will perform in Chöd ritual, Yak Dance and will play *gyaling* (little trumpet) and drums during the Cultural Pageant and religious occasion. He is well versed in all the chants, construction of Sand Mandala painting and Butter Sculpture.

NAME: NGAWANG JINPA
I.C NUMBER: Y0073503
DATE OF BIRTH: 10/10/1980
PLACE OF BIRTH: MUNDGOD
NAME OF FATHER: TSELO
NAME OF MOTHER: LHAMO
PASSPORT VALIDITY: 19-12-2008 TO 03-06-2013
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Ngawang Jinpa, born in 1980. His family livelihood is farming and consists of his parents and four brothers and two sisters. From 1987, he joined a school at his native place and as he was very much interested to become a monk, he took novice ordination vows (*Getsul* vows) from Khenpo Je Ngawang Tenzin Woser of Minyak Tashi Choepheling monastery where he studied elementary Buddhist monastic studies. He also studied rituals, chants, Sand Mandala taking out time from his studies. He joined Drepung Gomang Monastery to pursue monastic studies. He received his *Gelong* Vows (Bhikhu ordination vows: full ordination) in 2009 from His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He was honored with Geshe title in 2009. As the member of US Tour group, he is well versed in all the chants, construction of Sand Mandala painting and butter sculpture. In cultural pageant, he will be performing in Tashi Sholpa Dance, Black hat dance (*Shanak*), Yak Dance and is expert in playing drums and *gyaling* (little trumpet) during the cultural pageant and religious occasion. He has visited England twice (2004 and 2007) and Russia (2008).

NAME: TEMPA TSERING
I.C NUMBER: 052566
DATE OF BIRTH: 10-10-1976
PLACE OF BIRTH: MUNDGOD
NAME OF FATHER: SONAM
NAME OF MOTHER: PEMA
PASSPORT VALIDITY: 17-02-2003 TO 16-02-2013
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Tempa Tsering, he was born at Mundgod Tibetan settlement in India in 1976. He was able to study in Central School for Tibetans Mundgod till class IV. In year 1987, at the age of 11 he was sent to Drepung Gomang Monastery and became a monk of this monastery where he took his novice ordination vows (*Getsul* Vows) from Venerable Denmo Lochoe Rinpoche. He has completed *Tarig* (commentaries on logic), *Parchen* (prajaparamita) and *Uma* classes (Madhyamika). In 2004, he received his *Gelong* Vows (Bhikhu ordination vows: full ordination) from none other than His Holiness the Dalai Lama. As the member of US Tour group, he is well versed in all the chants, construction of Sand Mandala painting and butter sculpture. In Cultural pageant, he will be performing Black hat Dance (*shanak*), Tashi Sholpa Dance and will play drums also during the cultural pageant.

NAME: DAWA TASHI
INDIAN PASSPORT # G 0617318
DATE OF BIRTH: 03-12-1978
PLACE OF BIRTH: THIKSAY
NAME OF FATHER: LOBZANG ANGCHUK
NAME OF MOTHER: PHUNCHOK LAMO
PASSPORT VALIDITY: 05-01-2007 TO 04-01-2017
PLACE OF ISSUE: SRINAGAR



Born in 1978 at Thiksay (Himalayan region of India), Dawa Tashi's parents earn their living by farming. He was sent to school at young age at his native place. In 1990, he became monk at Thiksey Monastery at his native place and took his novice ordination vows (*Getsul* vows) in 1992 from Abbot of the monastery, Khenpo Jampa Tenzin. He studied elementary Buddhist studies at his native place besides learning local language and little English. In 1997, he joined Drepung Gomang Monastery in South India to pursue further monastic studies and has till now completed *Namdel*, *parchen* and now studying *Zoe* class. As the member of US Tour group, he is well versed in all the chants, construction of Sand Mandala painting, butter sculpture and painting. In Cultural pageant, he will be performing in Snow Lion Dance, Tashi Sholpa Dance,

and Giant Panda dance and is expert in playing big long horn (*dungchen*) and play drum during the cultural pageant.

NAME: TENZIN DHARGYE
I.C NUMBER: 063230
DATE OF BIRTH: 25-02-1983
PLACE OF BIRTH: MUNDGOD
NAME OF FATHER: PHUNTSOK TSERING
NAME OF MOTHER: SONAM LHAMO
PASSPORT VALIDITY: 25-07-2007 TO 24-07-2017
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Tenzin Dhargye, born on 1983. He became monk at the age of 7 at his native place, took his novice ordination vows (*Getsul* vows) from Khen Rinpoche Lobsang Chomphel and entered Thupten Jamchen Choekorling monastery where he studied the elementary monastic texts. In 2000, he enrolled in Drepung Gomang Monastery in South India and started his further monastic studies where he completed class of *Tsema* (commentaries on logic), *Uma* (Madhyamika), *Parchen* (Prajnaparamita) and *Zoe* (Abhidharmakosh) At age of 20, he received his *Gelong* vows (Bhikhu ordination vows: full ordination) from His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Beside his regular studies, he has also excelled in chants (overtone chants) and prayer rituals. As the member of US Tour group, he is well versed in all the chants, master in construction of Sand Mandala painting and butter sculpture, he also will be performing in Giant Panda Dance, Yak Dance and is expert in painting, butter sculpting and mask making. He is also expert in playing Tibetan long horn (*dungchen*) during the cultural pageant and religious occasion.

NAME: KONCHOK GYATSO
I.C NUMBER: 052951
DATE OF BIRTH: 10-07-1982
PLACE OF BIRTH: MUNDGOD
NAME OF FATHER: JAMYANG
NAME OF MOTHER: KELSANG
PASSPORT VALIDITY: 05-03-2003 TO 04-03-2013
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Konchok Gyatso born on 1982 at Mundgod. Due to kind guidance and supervision from parents and teachers, he is able to write and read Tibetan, Chinese and have knowledge about mathematics. In 1996, under Kyabgon Yongzin Dorjee Chang Lobsang Khedup Gyatso, he took his novice ordination vows (*Gestul* vows) and became monk at Thole monastery. He studied under his teacher Jetsun Ngawang Gyatso and studied elementary Buddhist texts and also philosophy. In 1998, he enrolled in Drepung Gomang Monastery and started his studies on Five Major Treatise on Buddhist Philosophy, where he completed class of *Namdel*, *Parchen Sensam* (Prajnaparamita) and was awarded *Rabjam* title. He is currently studying in *Zoe* (Abhidharmakosh) class. After request from one of the Buddhist monastery in Nepal, he also taught *Namdel* course and *Parchen* course to the students there. As the member of US Tour group, he is well versed in all the chants, master in construction of Sand Mandala painting and Butter sculpture, he also will be performing in Snow Lion Dance, Black Hat Dance (*Shanak*) in Tour Cultural pageant and will play drums during the cultural pageant.

NAME: TENPA PHUNTSOK
I.C. No: 060890
DATE OF BIRTH: 06-07-1976
PLACE OF BIRTH: MUNDGOD
NAME OF FATHER: NGAWANG TASHI
NAME OF MOTHER: CHOKAR
I.C. VALIDITY: 02-03-2007 TO 09-10-2013
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Tenpa Phuntsok, he was born at Mundgod Tibetan settlement in India in 1976. He was able to study in CST Mundgod School till class V. In year 1987, he was admitted to Drepung Gomang Monastery and became a monk of this monastery where he took his novice ordination vows (*Getsul* Vows) from Venerable Denmo

Lochoe Rinpoche. He has completed Tarig (commentaries on logic), parchen (prajaparamita) and studied Uma and Zoe through self-study. He also completed the School here at the monastery which has class up to VIII Standard. In 2004, he received his Gelong Vows (Bhikhu ordination vows: full ordination) from none other than His Holiness the Dalai Lama. As the member of US Tour group, he is well versed in all the chants, construction of Sand Mandala painting, butter sculpture, he will be performing in Tashi Sholpa Dance and is expert in playing big long horn during the cultural pageant and will be interpreting / translating for the group.